

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

APRIL 2007

CLASS STATISTICS

Class	Men	Women	Cum
2007	814	177	991
2008	852	187	1039
2009	953	196	1149
2010	956	231	1187
Wing	3575	791	4366

USAFA SECURITY

Several parents have contacted us concerned about the safety and security of their cadets in the wake of the shootings on the Virginia Tech campus earlier this month. The following is from Colonel Jimmy McMillian, the commander of USAFA's 10th Air Base Wing, and the senior official responsible for security throughout the Academy.

As the tragic events at Virginia Tech unfolded, we immediately alerted our security forces and commanders to be even more vigilant. We continually evaluate the balance between security and visitor access, striving to maintain a positive balance while protecting our cadets. We will not hesitate to restrict that access if we determine the security and safety of our cadets might be jeopardized.

As you may or may not know, last fall we changed the security procedures here at USAFA. Everyone entering USAFA is now stopped at our primary gates and all vehicles whose occupants do not have military ID cards are now inspected. We have also incorporated additional security measures whenever our cadets assemble in the Cadet Area, at Falcon Stadium, for parades, noon meal formations, etc. We won't go into specific details for obvious reasons, but we are in a higher state of awareness and security whenever cadets mass.

Rest assured that we are doing everything in our power to protect the precious resources you have placed in our care, and will continue to evaluate and adjust our procedures to maintain the maximum protection possible.

CADET UCI MARKS FINAL TRAINING EVENT FOR 2007 by C2C Christin Hart

To wrap up another Academy year, cadets will tackle the final training event, the Cadet UCI, during the weekend of April 27. The unit compliance inspection is an intensive requirement in the operational Air Force that scrutinizes programs, policies and paperwork to ensure squadrons are living up to Air Force standards. The Cadet UCI is going to be a hybrid between a paperwork inspection and a typical Academy training event. Three major

components encompass the cadet compliance inspection: paperwork evaluations, physical standards check and a “triple threat.”

To model the operational Air Force, each cadet squadron will be evaluated on documentation. First, the cadet personnel folders will be reviewed to determine whether each cadet has proper paperwork detailing discipline records, grade cards, physical and military evaluation sheets, any probation forms or counseling letters, staff summary sheets and leadership aptitude surveys rated by squadron mates.

The squadron cadets in charge of quarters will be tested on the spot for safety procedures and accountability in order to hone their emergency procedure skills. The CQ binders loaded with squadron information will also be scrutinized. Force Protection Condition drills will be administered.

For each squadron-wide physical evaluation, the PT card exercises from basic combat training will be conducted. Squadrons will be graded on precision and unit timing. Each push-up and sit-up must be in cadence with no one falling short of the required standards. To finish the cadet UCI, a "triple threat" will bring back the Academy tradition from past spring training events, such as 2005's Pinnacle.

A "triple threat" consists of a Saturday morning inspection (SAMI), an in-ranks inspection and a parade. The dorm rooms must be completely in order and dust-free for the SAMI "white glove" inspection. Cadet uniforms will be sharp and professional with hair in regulations. Squadrons will practice the ceremonial marching, led in the parade by the squadron commanders.

Much of the work for this training event lies in the preparation because once the cadet UCI weekend begins there will be no time for preparations. Until this military standards test comes to pass, the cadet wing is working to perfect each area of evaluation, coming together as one unit to exceed the standards expected of Air Force officer-candidates.

GRADUATION TICKETS

Graduation tickets will be distributed around mid-May. Each squadron will have a cadet project officer in charge. Initially, the cadets will each be issued 16 tickets. Then, they will all be asked how many more they need and receive whatever number they request. We have never known of a cadet who did not get the number of tickets requested.

WHO CAN CONDUCT THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY?

“Persons being appointed or commissioned in the Air Force may take the oath before a: civil official authorized by law to administer oaths; commissioned officer of any component of any Armed Force of the United States (includes Reserve components), whether on active duty or retired (including commissioned warrant officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard); warrant officer serving on active duty as an adjutant, assistant adjutant, acting adjutant, or personnel adjutant of a command.” A notary public can administer the oath of office; however, the **notary has to be authorized to administer an oath in the place it is**

taken....i.e., a Colorado Notary can administer an oath in CO, but a NJ notary cannot. A retired officer conducting the ceremony does NOT have to be in uniform.

Regulation available at:

<http://usmilitary.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.e%2Dpublishing.af.mil/publicfiles/af/36/afi36%2D2006/afi36%2D2006.pdf>

CLASS OF 2011 WILL IN-PROCESS ON 28 JUNE 2007

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR THE CLASS OF 2011

In-processing	28 June 07
Swearing-In Ceremony:	29 June 07 @ 0830
Field Day:	14 July 07
Doolie Day Out:	15 July 07
March to Jacks Valley:	16 July 07
Warrior Run out of Jacks Valley	28 July 07
BCT Complete:	4 Aug 07 @ Taps
Acceptance Parade	8 Aug 07

DOOLIE DAY OUT

Please remember that Doolie Day Out is considered a “military function” and is designed for the Doolies to meet with their sponsor families. This is the day the Doolies can call home. This is not a day for parents to visit their cadets!

Parents can email the Sponsor Office and get the paperwork for their appointees, rather than wait for the Sponsor Office to call their homes. The Cadet Information form can be filled out and emailed or fax'd back. This would help the Sponsor Office tremendously. Their goal is to have all cadets matched with sponsor families at least a week prior to in-processing day. Appointees may send email requests to: cadet.sponsor@usafa.af.mil.

PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the reception (for the club presidents or alternates) at the Superintendent's home on Wednesday evening, 29 August, and the all-day conference at Doolittle Hall on 30 August 2007. If your club changes presidents, be sure to remind them. Registration forms will go out in June.

USAFA 10TH SERVICES WINS “BEST IN THE AIR FORCE” AWARDS (By James Lovely)

The Academy's 10th Services Division recently received three “Best in Air Force” awards. Eisenhower Golf Club was named top golf program. The Mitchell Hall Cadet Dining Facility won in the specialized program category, and Services Director Robyn Sleeth was named Senior Civilian Manager of the Year. The awards were based on the period from Oct. 1, 2005, through Sept. 30, 2006. Eisenhower has won back-to-back awards and three of the past five.

“We don't rest on our laurels,” said Eddie Ainsworth, Eisenhower Golf Club general manager. “We want each customer to think they are the most important customer we have.”

Just a few of the golf club's accomplishments submitted for evaluation included:

- Highest customer satisfaction rating among all AF golf programs;
- Innovative waiting list pager system named a "best practice" and featured in Golf

Business magazine;

- Blue Golf Course is the only course in the Department of Defense ranked in the USA Today Top 100.

The Mitchell Hall Cadet Dining Facility, which was integrated into Services during the evaluation period, is mind-boggling in the scope of its operations and the dedication of its staff:

- Serves 13,500 meals per day, and 4 million meals annually in its 1.7-acre dining room;
- During three blizzards when the base was closed, staff spent the night in the facility to enable them to continue to feed the cadets on schedule;
- Passed every health inspection;
- Customer satisfaction increased from 20% to 82% in the first three months of Services management.

Mr. Sleeth, who assumed leadership of the Academy Services team in August, came from Yokota (Japan) Air Base where his innovations have become almost legendary among his peers. In addition to spearheading upgrades and renovations to most Services facilities, Mr. Sleeth is perhaps best known for his association with the AF-benchmarked "U" program (coming soon to the Academy). "We're implementing a few of the programs here that our customers loved at Yokota," he said. "The Services Division here at the Academy is outstanding, but our goal is to take it to the next level."

BED AND BREAKFAST - AOG

Class of 2011 Appointee Bed & Breakfast Program

The Association of Graduates, with the assistance of the Rampart Chapter of the AOG, provides complimentary “bed and breakfast” to appointees who will be traveling alone to the Academy for inprocessing.

The Bed & Breakfast program provides appointees the opportunity to stay at the home of Academy graduates, faculty, staff and friends. Last year, over 440 appointees participated in the program. Bed & Breakfast hosts are familiar with the Academy and offer encouragement and support to appointees.

Hosts will pick up their assigned appointees Wed., June 27, at the Colorado Springs airport or the AOG’s Doolittle Hall and provide a place to stay, dinner, breakfast and transportation to Doolittle Hall for inprocessing on Thursday, June 28.

Appointees who have already enrolled in the official Academy Sponsorship Program **are not** automatically enrolled in the AOG’s Bed & Breakfast program.

Appointees interested in participating in the Bed & Breakfast program must follow these instructions:

Step 1 Arrange for airline transportation as directed by the Academy’s admissions office.

Step 2 Visit the Association of Graduates Web site at www.usafa.org and click on “Bed & Breakfast” located on the right side of the page. Follow the online instructions. If you are unable to register online, please contact Cindi Kinder at the AOG at (719) 472-0300 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (MST) or cindi.kinder@aogusafa.org.

Step 3 After registering for the Bed & Breakfast program, please wait for an AOG representative to call you in mid-June with the name and phone number of your Bed & Breakfast host family. (The AOG is unable to fulfill special requests for host families from specific states, ethnicities, religions, etc.)

Step 4 After receiving your host family’s information, contact them to finalize and confirm the arrangements of how and when they will meet you.

The Association of Graduates is excited to welcome you to the Long Blue Line. We look forward to seeing you in June!

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